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Letter dated 21 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the note verbale dated 9 June 2007 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) in Tehran (see annex) on categorical rejection of the baseless allegations made by Nicholas Burns, the United States Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

I should be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 80, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) and wishes to state the following:

The United States Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Nicholas Burns, has regrettably accused Iran of being implicated in the explosions of the United States marine barrack in Lebanon (1983) and Khobar towers in Saudi Arabia (1996), in an article published in the *Boston Review*, May/June 2007.

Also, in his remarks at the Holocaust Museum's Day of Remembrance Luncheon, held in Washington on 19 April 2007, he asserted the following: "In Argentina, in Buenos Aires, in 1992, we believe the Iranian Government bombed the Israeli Embassy. And then two years later, we believe that the Iranian Government, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps command bombed the Argentine Jewish community center and killed an extraordinary number of people, hundreds of people, in the heart of Buenos Aires."

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while rejecting and strongly condemning such sheer lies and irresponsible and unfounded allegations aimed at tarnishing the image of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as at undermining its foreign policy and national security, especially its bilateral relations with Argentina, reserves its legal rights under international and established domestic laws to counter these acts, which run contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and other rules and principles of international law. It emphatically expects the Government of the United States to avoid constant and continuous violation of the sovereign rights of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as its national security and international interests and to take urgent measures to redress the past violations.